

Bulletin
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State of the Schools Report 2008-09

NCLB Qualified Teacher Data

NCLB Qualified Teachers data is now on the State of the Schools Report Preview: 2008-09. Please check your data, particularly the "NCLB Content Area". There are "courses" for which there is no curriculum information for a teacher. If your district or school has one or more courses with the "No Curriculum Data on File", please refer to the NCLB Qualified Teacher materials sent to each Superintendent this week for instructions on how to add or change data. Contact Sharon Katt (Sharon.katt@nebraska.gov, 402-2405) or Pat Madsen (pat.madsen, 402-471-4863). Information on NCLB Qualified Teachers is found at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Section 1512 Reporting

Section 1512 of ARRA requires reporting of jobs created/saved and vendor information on a quarterly basis. NDE will collect this information from every sub-recipient (district, ESU or School Food Authority) through an ARRA Section 1512 Reporting program in the Consolidated Data Collection in the NDE Portal: <http://portal.nde.state.ne.us/site/DesktopDefault.aspx>

ARRA Section 1512 Reporting will open on September 28, 2009 and will remain open for submissions through October 5, 2009. Every sub-recipient must complete the reporting requirements, even though there has not been any payment(s) received. Failure to comply with this reporting requirement will put the sub-recipients out of compliance and jeopardize receipt of all federal funds until the next reporting period. The Department has developed Frequently Asked Questions located at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/PDF/ARRA%20JobsAccountabilityActQA.pdf>

For assistance with the Portal or activation codes, please contact the NDE Helpdesk at: 888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov. For questions of ARRA Section 1512 Reporting, please contact: Ron Mowrey at: 402-471-2396 or ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov

New Guidance from USDE – Jobs Reporting and Central Contractor Registration

Jobs Reporting

NOTE: This is a change from NDE's previous guidance on reporting jobs created/saved with ARRA.
NEW: A job may be counted regardless of whether or not the employee filling the position is paid for with ARRA funds as long as the job would not have been created or retained in the absence of ARRA funds.

Central Contractor Registration

Recent guidance from the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) requires every recipient of ARRA funds to register in the CCR. The CCR will be used by the Office of Budget and Management to verify information submitted by NDE. NDE cannot register districts, ESUs or School Food Authorities nor will NDE collect any information about your registration in the CCR. It is anticipated that USDE will notify NDE if they are validating data and the CCR is not completed by an agency that received ARRA funds through NDE. **Registering in the CCR is required and must be completed by October 10, 2009.**

To register in the CCR, go to: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx>

You will need to have the following information to complete your registration:

1. DUNS Number
2. Tax Identification Number (TIN) and Taxpayer Name
2. Statistical Information about your business
3. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Information

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REAP Small Rural Schools Achievement (SRSA)

An updated file of balances (unpaid funds) for REAP SRSA grants awarded in July 2007 and July 2008 has now been posted on the NCLB homepage at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>

This file shows that over \$500,000 of REAP funds must be claimed by September 30, 2009. To claim funds, go to: <http://e-grants.ed.gov/egWelcome.asp> For assistance, please contact Robert Hitchcock (Robert.hitchcock@ed.gov 202-260-1472) or Eric Schulz (eric.schulz@ed.gov 202-260-7349)

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Race/Ethnicity Reporting

The 2009-10 school year is the time for re-identification of all staff and students using the new Race/Ethnicity guidelines. Please refer to Chapter 4 (page 30) of the "The Nebraska Guide to Implementing New Federal Race and Ethnicity Categories for Students and Staff" document, found on the NSSRS Documents page (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>). The fields and codes from Chapter 4 of this document will be those that will appear in both the 2010-2011 Student templates instruction manual and the 2010-2011 Staff templates instruction manual.